

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile **WASHINGTON D.C.**

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Focus Areas Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment • Surveillance and Epidemiology – Core Activities (Funded Year 2)
Washington D.C. has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing an internal assessment of the health department's bioterrorism response capability; • Working with the District of Columbia Emergency Management Agency to conduct the PH assessment of the Department of Justice Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program Assessment and Strategy Development Tool Kit; • Reviewing numerous response plans and procedures in order to identify their capacity to respond to a bioterrorist attack; • Participating as a member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Governments Committee on Bioterrorism; • Forming partnerships with local law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, local hospitals, and emergency management personnel; and, • Identifying resources, including poison control centers, information and communications systems, and subject matter experts that could have a role in a public health response to a terrorist event.
Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a comprehensive Bioterrorism response plan utilizing information obtained from the internal and DOJ assessments; • Testing current procedures during the 43rd Presidential Inaugural; • Identifying the capacities of the local workforce to determine training needs; and, • Providing Awareness Level Training for Bioterrorism to DOH employees, starting with employees who work on the front lines, (Environmental Health, Food Inspectors).

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